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SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE IN MNR NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. FORTHCOMING MNR NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LA PAZ, COMMENTING ON SEPTEMBER 27, WILL SEE A CLASH BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF PARTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RUBEN JULIO AND ADVOCATES OF A COLLEGIAL LEADERSHIP FOR MNR. IN WAKE OF WITHDRAWALS BY ACTING PARTY CHIEF GUILLERMO FORTUN, AND RAUL LEMA PELAEZ, JULIO REMAINS AS ONLY CANDIDATE FOR POST OF PARTY CHIEF. HOWEVER, FORTUN AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN MNR HAVE MOUNTED A MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN PAST WEEK TO AVERT PROSPECT OF A JULIO VICTORY BY IMPOSING THEIR COLLEGIAL LEADERSHIP FORMULA. MNR'S NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE, MEETING IN LA PAZ SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, HAVE JOINED FORTUN IN FAVORING FIVE-MAN COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FORTUN AND MNR LABOR SECRETARY JUAN SANJINES OBANDO. ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO FORTUN STATES THAT COLLEGIAL LEADERSHIP STRATEGY WAS FIRST MADE KNOWN TO EXILED MNR CHIEF VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO, WHO EXPRESSED HIS APPROVAL OF THIS FORMULA. SAME SOURCE INDICATES THAT FORTUN AND MNR LABOR SECTOR WILL WITHDRAWN FROM CONVENTION IF JULIO IS ELECTED AS PARTY CHIEF IN PLACE OF DR. PAZ.

2. THE POSSIBILITY OF A DRAMATIC APPEARANCE AT THE CONVENTION OF FORMER ACTING PARTY CHIEF CIRO HUMBOLDT REPORTEDLY
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WAS AVERTED BY THE GOB WHEN THE LATTER AGREED TO LEGALIZE

HUMBOLDT'S STATUS IN BOLIVIA IF HE WOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY
AND NOT RETURN UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE CONVENTION.

3. REGARDLESS OF WHO WINS AT THE CONVENTION, JULIO OR THE
COLLEGIAL FORMULA, THE MNR WILL REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT AND
REMAIN RESPONSIVE TO THE GOB. FORTUN AND SANJINES, AS WELL
AS JULIO, PLAY TO BANZER'S TUNE FOR THE TIME BEING. ONLY A
MAJORITY VOTE TO ELECT DR. PAZ ESTENSSORO AS PARTY CHIEF COULD
CAUSE REAL DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE MNR AND THE GOB, AND THIS
IS CONSIDERED ONLY A REMOTE POSSIBILITY.
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